

What is a question that is of no direct interest to any community, is one which every community will help long be called upon to decide to which is the more disagreeable and dangerous to society? the vigorous confirmed tramp, or the vigorous confirmed political demagogue who caricatures the tramp for his vote. Concerning this matter the New York *Labour* offers some suggestions that are equally painted and pertinent. "As the matter of tramps and vagabonds," says the *Labour*, "we have all along been treating them as merely dependents on public charity, and as the 'wretched society,' and so have 'turned them over' to be dispensed by boards of relief, benevolent organizations, relief associations, and the like. But they are coming to be something more. We do not shut our eyes to the fact that they are coming to be, if not already, a political power. The demagogues who even on the alert for opportunities catch votes by the head through appeals to their baser passions, will quickly use a mass of voters to be won by tramps began to swarm. They seem very early the new taint in the atmosphere: the taint of idleness, vice, reckless disregard of law, and contempt of social order. Instead of an element of danger, they saw in the increasing procession of 'idlers and vagabonds' marching up and down the country, only a tool available for their own purposes—a purpose not dissimilar from the tramps' to live without work and the public cost." The war of the confirmed tramp is with honest labor. Even if may suit his lying purposes to pretend to be a representative of honest workmen, as just as it suits the purpose of his employer, the demagogue to recognize him in that character to secure his support by pandering to vices. The result is that in the politics of the country the workmen are represented as having the aims and purposes of the tramp, and demagogues addressing them accordingly.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Judges Drimmer and Blodgett have construed the instructions of the attorney general as secretary of the treasury, as meaning that the court here should find a final judgment regarding the question of the prosecution against Jake Rehm, and have accordingly dismissed the suit. They will write their decision and findings to the U. S. supreme court.

Constantinople, Dec. 6.—Mukht Pasha telegraphs as follows: The sun around Erzeroum is three feet deep. The Russians have posted a corps of observation on the Deve Boyun, and quartered the remainder of their troops

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—John Cochran, has acted as deputy U. S. marshal in Ripley county, this state, has been very active in ferreting out illicit stills in that section of the country, was waylaid near Doniphan, in Ripley county, Monday evening, and shot in the back.

and Tobacco. He invites all his friends to join him a call.

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